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## Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: April 8, 2013  
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room  
Meeting Chair: Kelly Persinger  
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:31 p.m.

### Roll Call:

**Council Members Present:** Kelly Persinger, DCS Regional Manager; Mark Munchel and Kathy Hobson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; Hannah Robinson, Union County DCS; Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court; Judge Beth Ann Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court.

**Council Members Absent:** Erin Lambert, Franklin/Union County DCS; Miranda Chamberlin and Michael Fleming, Henry County DCS; Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court; and Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA.

**Others In Attendance:** Bob Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Carl Scheib and Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Micci Frye, Regional Child Welfare Services Consultant; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Norm Smith and Darrell Gordon, Wernle; and Sara McCashland, Centerstone.

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members

- a) Meeting agenda distributed, introductions made.



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- b) Corrections to the agenda:  
Regional Finance Report- Bob Daugherty, RFM, is unable to give budget updates until further notice.  
Children's Bureau should read Allocated Prevention Funds.

## **II. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:**

The *Community Partners for Child Safety and Continuous Quality Improvement* report was distributed.

Carl Scheib reported:

- Referrals- Increasing with 143 for the first quarter;
- Material Relief- An error was noted on the August, 2012, amount. Scheib stated it will be corrected in the next report;
- Activities- Pinwheels of Change are on all courthouse lawns in Region 12 as well as billboards throughout the region.
- Secondary Trauma Workshop- Registrations are currently being accepted to the workshop scheduled for three consecutive Wednesdays beginning April 24, 2013. The workshop is free and local therapists will be presenters.
- Outcomes- All standards have been met or exceeded. Of particular note, "From the State" (95% of consenting families receiving 8 or more face to face contacts will not have a substantiated child abuse case following the 8<sup>th</sup> contact for a period of 12 months after discharge) the state standard is 95%, Region 12 is at 100%.
- Scheib reported two new liaisons have been hired for Henry and Rush Counties.

## **III. Regional Coordinator Reports/New Proposals:**

RFPs-Micci Frye reported the Comprehensive Home Based RFPs were scored in January. Probation was represented which she noted was very helpful. The council voted on the following recommendations:

- Centerstone- Family Centered Treatment- Judge Willis moved to accept with Mark Munchel seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.
- Children's Bureau- Combined Trauma focused-Cognitive Behavior and Motivational Interviewing- Bill Ammerman moved to accept with Judge Willis seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.
- George Jr. - Combined Trauma focused-Cognitive Behavior and Motivational Interviewing- Kathy Hobson moved to accept with Bill Ammerman seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.
- Wernle- Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy- Mark Munchel moved to accept with Bill Ammerman seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.
- Whites Residential and Family Services- Combined Trauma focused-Cognitive Behavior and Motivational Interviewing- Bill Ammerman moved to accept with Judge Willis seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.



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Modification of Contracts-

- Meridian- Substance Abuse Assessment/Treatment- Judge Willis moved to accept with Mark Munchel seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.
- Choices- Persinger explained Choices already has a state contract but is seeking to expand. Bill Ammerman moved to include Region 12 in the contract with Kathy Hobson seconding. The motion passes with no opposing votes.

**IV. Prevention Funds:**

Scheib distributed the Community Partners Child Welfare Services “Brokered” Allocated Funds, Region 12 for July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, noting the totals reflect amounts through February; March invoices are currently being submitted. The report notes allocations for Summers R.O.C.K.; Naomi Griffith; Prevent Child Abuse (pinwheels/billboards); Cradles and Diplomas (Positive Parenting); CPCS Operations and Material Relief.

Also distributed, the Community Partners Child Welfare Services “Brokered” Allocated Funds, Region 12, Projected Allocated Funds for 213-2014 which includes the following:

- \$35,000 Substance Abuse RFP- to be posted on the Children’s Bureau website
- \$5,000 Training
- \$5,000 Prevent Child Abuse
- \$9,000 Positive Parenting, Cradles
- \$9,000 Positive Parenting, Diplomas
- \$90,000 CPCS Operations- to include \$10,000 for Purple Crying
- \$30,000 CPCS Material Relief

After discussion, Judge Willis moved to accept the projected allocations with Mark Munchel seconding. The motion passes with no opposing votes.

**V. Other Issues:**

There were no other issues.

**VI. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**VI. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be July 8, 2013, at 3:30 P.M. in the Fayette County DCS Office conference room.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 P.M.



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